

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An impact tool, comprising:

a shaft;

a stop on said shaft;

a slider movable on said shaft for striking said stop to create an impact force;

a handle on said slider to allow a user to move said slider;

said handle comprising two legs extending from said slider and a central section extending between and joined to said legs;

a first one of said legs being connected to a first side of said slider and a second one of said legs being connected to a second side of said slider; and

wherein said handle moves relative to said slider when said slider strikes said stop to isolate said handle from said impact force.

2. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 1, wherein said handle is movably attached to said slider..

3. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 2, wherein said handle is rotatably attached to said slider.

4. (cancelled)

5. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 1, wherein the user can grasp said handle with the wrist in the normal position.

6. (currently amended) The impact tool as recited in claim 5, wherein said handle ~~includes~~ forms a gripping section located a distance away from said slider.

7. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 6, wherein said slider moves along said shaft in a direction, and said gripping section extends transverse to said direction.

8. (currently amended) An impact tool, comprising:

a shaft;

a stop on said shaft;

a slider movable on said shaft for striking said stop to create an impact force, said slider having a first end and a second end;

a handle movably attached to said slider to allow a user to move said slider and said handle being moveable relative to said slider from a first position in proximity to said first end to a

second position in proximity to said second end when said slider strikes said stop; and

said handle having a first leg joined to said slider, a second leg joined to said slider, and a central section extending between and joined to said first and second legs.

9. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 8, wherein said handle is rotatably attached to said slider.

10. (cancelled)

11. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 8, wherein the user can grasp said handle with the wrist in a normal position.

12. (currently amended) The impact tool as recited in claim 11, wherein said handle ~~includes~~ forms a gripping section located a distance away from said slider.

13. (original) The impact tool as recited in claim 12, wherein said slider moves along said shaft in a direction and said gripping means extends transverse to said direction.

14. (currently amended) A slider for an impact tool, comprising:

a sleeve; and

a handle movably attached to said sleeve to allow a user to move said slider, said handle being formed by a first leg joined to a first side of said sleeve, a second leg joined to a second

side of said sleeve, and a central section extending between and being joined to said first and second legs;

wherein said handle moves relative to said slider in a direction parallel to a longitudinal axis of said sleeve when said slider strikes a stop on said impact tool to isolate said handle from a force created by said slider striking said stop.

15. (original) The slider as recited in claim 14, wherein said handle is rotatably attached to said sleeve.

16. (cancelled)

17. (original) The slider as recited in claim 14, wherein the user can grasp said handle with the wrist in a normal position.

18. (currently amended) The slider as recited in claim 14, wherein said handle ~~includes~~ forms a gripping section located a distance away from said slider.

19. (previously presented) The slider as recited in claim 18, wherein said impact tool has a shaft, said slider is adapted to move along said shaft in a direction, and said gripping section extends transverse to said direction.

20. (currently amended) An ergonomic tool, comprising:

a shaft;

a stop on said shaft;

a slider movable on said shaft in a direction for striking said stop to create an impact force, said slider having a first end and a second end and a longitudinal axis;

a handle on said slider to allow a user to move said slider, said handle having a first leg rotatably connected to a first side of said slider, a second leg rotatably connected to a second side of said slider, and a central section forming a gripping section extending transverse to said direction;

said central section extending between and being joined to said first and second legs; and

wherein said handle moves relative to said slider along an axis parallel to said longitudinal axis as the user moves said slider towards and away from said stop; and

wherein said user can grasp said handle with the wrist in a normal position.

21 - 26. (cancelled)